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North Proud of Randall

Mr. L. T. Miller, B. L., W. L. U.,
1899, of Connecticut, Praises
Maryland's Bard

The following article from the Baltimore Sun will be of interest from the fact that Mr. Andrews is an M. A. from W. & L. U. '01, and Mr. Miller, B. L., W. L. U. '99

Mr. Matthew Page Andrews, editor of the volume of poems of James Ryder Randall, just published, sends the following: "I have recently received a letter giving me the first estimate of Randall's poems from a New England standpoint, a part of which I publish by permission of the writer, who is the editor of several publications, among them The Journal of American History and the Connecticut Magazine. He writes from Hartford, Conn:

"Today was made especially pleasurable by the receipt of the new book of poems by the late James Ryder Randall. I congratulate you as its editor. You have rendered signal service to literature. I immediately took the volume into my study and beginning with 'Maryland My Maryland,' I did not lay it down until 'Resurgam.' It was one of the most enjoyable evenings I have spent with books in many days. I speak, of course, as one who would be called a Northerner, although it is many years since I broke the shackles of provincialism and became an American. In my life spent with literature I have never found a more magnificent battle hymn than 'Maryland.' I do not believe that literature knows a more beautiful tribute to a native state. It fires one with patriotism; it thrills one with manhood; it echoes with the hoofbeat of cavalry, the tread of marching men, the call of the bugle, the inspiration of the old flag under which strong men offer their lives as a sacrifice for what they believe to be the right.

"Maryland, My Maryland' is my hymn as well as yours, and I bow my head in reverence to its nobility of soul. James Ryder Randall was to the South, his native and, what John Greenleaf Whittier was to the North, his native land. They were both poets of freedom as they interpreted its spirit. New England was so long the maker of American letters that Whittier is, of course, today considered a national poet. If this be true, then Randall must be a national poet, for he too sang the songs of his homeland with a devotion that is fully as deep as that of Whittier and with a spirit that is even more martial in tone and breathes more passionate patriotism. Both men allowed the intense excitement of the moment to carry them into occasional animus; but this is only human and without it they could not have risen to such spontane-

ous beauty and sentiment Whittier had an advantage over Randall inasmuch as he sang the battle hymns of victory. He also had a literary advantage inasmuch as he lived with the men who were molding American letters and by the side of the printing presses that were building reputations through the power of publicity. Randall in the ravaged South found no outlet for his writings and those to whom he sang had sorrows too deep to drown in literary sympathy. The two men were not given an equal opportunity to prove their literary worth. It is not an idle supposition to consider the conditions if Whittier had been the singer of the South and Randall the battle poet of the North. As one who has the deepest admiration for Whittier I must confess that if such judgment is possible from the literary evidence which they both left behind them I fear that Whittier could never have sung the triumphal hymns of a lost cause. Randall's position is the most difficult in American literature. I know of no man who could have done so well, unless it be the Kipling of the present generation.

It is needless to add that the above generous tribute from Mr. Francis Trevelyan Miller, a descendant of Governor Bradford, of the Pilgrim Fathers, gave me great pleasure, and further confirms my belief in the future fame of our Maryland lyricist.

Democratic Paper To Be Published

Only Publication of Its Kind at
any Southern College

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Democratic convention it was decided to publish a weekly Democratic paper in the interest of the convention. Four issues are to be gotten out, three before the convention and one after it. The first issue will appear next Monday evening. Mr. W. N. Grubb is editor-in-chief of the publication; Mason Deaver, Business Manager, and the Executive Board is composed of Izard, W. M. Johnson, Hodges, Jackson and Smithson. The paper is in the interest of no candidate, and all will have equal right to its columns. It is intended that no matter shall be published except such as comes from the student body unless such has been submitted to the candidate club in whose interest it was written, and approved for publication by that organization. The subscription to the Washington and Lee Democrat is 25 cents. Anyone wishing to subscribe see Mason Deaver or hand his name to the chairman of his state delegation.

The chief duty of assistant editors is to have their pictures taken with the staff.

TWELVE INNING TIE GAME.

W. & L., 2; Richmond College; 2

In a contest which darkness cut short in the twelfth inning Washington and Lee and Richmond College battled to a tie.

In the first and second innings Richmond College scored on errors, but then "Lefty" George who, by the way, seems to be a glutton for work, tightened up on the collegians from the Capital and the following ten innings they were as helpless as babes before the mighty South-paw. George deserves great credit for his work in the game. Shortly after Richmond had made her two scores and W. & L. had gotten two men on bases, "Lefty" came to the bat and smashed a fast one in the face that didn't touch dirt until it struck half way up the red clay in center field. When the excitement had subsided two yearlings had romped across the pan and the crafty "Lefty" had pitched camp at second. Had the field been dry the rap would have been an easy three sacker and perhaps a home run. The game, although played in mud ankle deep, was intensely interesting. The Capital City lads did not lose a single moment in "giving up" and were always ready for a come back at every set back. While the locals displayed a little more ginger than usual yet it would not hurt them to talk a little more when they are in the field. It was very encouraging to the rooters to see our infield working in such good order.

The game was carried one inning, at least, too long. When Umpire Chenwerth called the game was with no little difficulty that the ball could be seen and batsmen were in no little danger of stopping fast ones with their bodies. Both pitchers were very effective, considering weather conditions, but George far outclassed his opponent in every department of the hurling game.

The Easter Girl Directory

The town is fast filling up with Easter calic. Among those noted are:

Miss Hargrave and Miss Melon at Dr. Howerton's.
Misses Heald at Miss Haskins.
Miss Smith and Miss Lewis at Miss Larrick's.
Miss Tutwiler at Miss Leech's.
Misses Fletcher at Miss Irwins.
Miss Landis at Miss Stuarts'.
Miss Gilkerson at Miss Catlett's.
Miss Thombs and Miss Thurma at Miss Gunther's.
Miss Wilson at Miss Spencer's.
Miss Robertson at home.
Miss Quinn at Miss Shields'.

Most of our hits have been in the passive voice.

Dormitory Downs Castle Hill

In Spite of Magnificent Coaching
of Bell from the Side Lines
Mountaineers Go Down

One of the most spectacular games of the season took place last Monday (?) on the golf links, when Castle Hill met the professionals from Lees Dormitory, and incidentally went down to the tune of 15 to 5. The game started off with a rush, Castle Hill being first to the bat and scoring three runs on errors by the Dormitory, and a "screaming two bagger" by George. The lead thus obtained was held until the sixth, the Dormitory aggregation being unable to tally more than three until that disastrous period. Castle Hill missed a beautiful chance to cinch the game in the third, when with only one down and three men on bases the next two men up could only connect with the circumambient aeriform fluid, and the side was retired in the sixth. Castle Hill scored above the clouds, and their ragged fielding, combined with the hits which the Dormitory proceeded to ring in at will, allowed twelve men to count.

The features of the game were "Rag's" Phillips' grand stand one hand catch of a hot liner in the first, Bell's inability to convince Umpire Ordeman that the ball which knocked him down across the plate had hit his head, because the sound was as if it hit wood, and the batting of George, who got a two "sacker" and three strike outs to his credit. Burnett pitched in fine form, striking out 13 hillites, while "Bill" Streit was credited with two three-base hits.

Score by innings.
C. H. 3 0 0 0 0 0 2 0—5
Dorm. 0 1 0 1 0 12 0 1—15

Line up:
Castle Hill
Warren p. Burnett
Waddell c. Lewis
Bell 1b. Streit
George (Capt.) 2b. Lemley
McLeod ss. Lazerus (Capt.)
Phillips, H. W., 3b. Knight
Dudley lf. Richardson, E. R.
Thomas rf. Truslow
Tucker, H. G. cf. Phillips, H. R.
Struck out—By Burnett, 13;
by Warren, 7. Base on Balls—
Off Warren, 1; Off Burnett, 2.
Umpires—Mr. Ordeman and
Mr. Higgins.
Scorer—Mr. Ray (Drmitory.)

NOTICE

University Assembly

There will be a meeting of the University Assembly Thursday, April 23, at 11 A. M. Dr. Howerton will make the address.

George H. Denny,
President

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We are always glad to publish any communications that may be handed to us, but we desire to state that we will not be responsible for sentiment expressed. We also desire to call attention to the fact that unsigned correspondence will not be published. Those who do not desire their names published should add a pen name and their wishes will be complied with.

Rockbridge County News Print

For the past two weeks everyone connected with the law department has been put to great inconvenience by the woeful lack of lights in the law library. The reason for this during the past week is due in a great measure to the recent fire but his does not excuse the bad lights prior to that time. There are either no globes in the sockets or the sockets are out of order, and are sadly in need of repairs in almost every room in the building.

This is a defect which should be remedied immediately. The third term is perhaps the severest and students are compelled to do the greatest part of their work at night. If the lights are not in good shape work has to be neglected or prosecuted in a manner that threatens injury to the eyes of the students. It is sincerely hoped that the authorities will attend to this matter with the greatest dispatch, and not only supply the available sockets with lamps but repair those sockets which are at present unfit for use.

Notice! Notice!

According to a resolution passed by the National Democratic Executive Committee at the meeting held on Friday, April 10, each member of the committee is urged to make a canvass of his state delegation at once and to report the number of subscriptions secured for the Democrat to the business manager, Mr. M. C. Deaver. It is very important that this work be done immediately as the first issue of the Democrat will be distributed Tuesday morning and it is desired that the paper be all right financially from the start.

W. M. JOHNSON, Secretary.

W. & L. vs. St. Johns

Seldom has there been seen on Wilson field a more beautiful game than was played between W. & L. and St. Johns up until the ninth inning of yesterday's game. The first three men at bat for St. Johns fanned the zephyrs in a most pleasing manner to the fans and the ardent admirers of Lefty George. All through the game it was manifest that George had the St. Johns batters at his mercy. Never was there a time during the nine innings that the St. Johns players became dangerous. It was only through the stupid work of W. & L's infield and the lack of spirit shown by them that we allowed St. Johns men to reach second base. George not only pitched a superb game but it was his trusty willow that sent the runner over the glad gum tying the score in the fifth inning. This was one of the prettiest games pitched for W. & L. by George this year and he would have won all the games, but a Christy Matthewson or a Rube Waddell could have done no better under the circumstances, for with the team behind him that manifests no "ginger" or spirit in the game we might as well disband.

All winning teams regardless of the section from whence they hail or how lucrative the salary they draw are imbued with can't lose and talk it up spirit. Until both our out and infielders get wise to the fact that such a spirit counts more in annexing victories than a carload of rabbit's feet no one need expect the team to win any creditable percentage of their games.

The 10th inning found the score tied. The first batter up for St. Johns sent a long fly to the out field which was muffed by the W. & L. right fielder after a difficult run permitting the runner to reach third. After this misplay Lefty became disheartened and during the remainder of the inning sent them over in such a manner that they looked like balls of cotton the St. Johns players. No man can pitch consistent ball without fair support, and the same has not been forthcoming up until the present writing. Let us hope that in the games yet to be played the players will pull together and turn out a winning team. The material is there and all we want is team work, and not so much individual playing.

Outside of the pitching, fielding and hitting of George the game was devoid of any features whatever, with the exception of a pretty stop by Warthen.

Antony being indisposed Hood took his place at the receiving end and caught a very creditable game.

Opposing George on the firing line was Willis, a brother of "Shock" Willis, third baseman of W. & L's last year's team. Willis is quite a young fellow and has all the requisites that go to make up a good pitcher. The

youngster made many friends while here and it is hoped that he report that he will matriculate at W. & L. next year is true.

W. & L's next game is with Lehigh this afternoon on Wilson field. Batteries in St. Johns game were: For W. & L. George and Hood; St. Johns, Willis and Gribaldi.

NOTICE

The first of the four issues of the Washington and Lee Democrat will come out Monday night.

Any communication in line with Democratic sentiment will be published in its columns, with the provision that unsigned contributions must be endorsed by the candidate clubs in order that partisan utterances may be representative.

Material for the second issue must be in the hands of some of the members of the Editorial board before 8 p. m. Wednesday April 22, preferably sooner.

Chairmen of State Delegations are urged to push vigorously their subscription canvass, and those who have not reported to M. C. Deaver are requested to do so at once.

Cuts that can be secured without extra expense to the management will be willingly used to illustrate contributions. As to special illustration confer with some member of the board.

Remember: The Democrat is run in the interest of no faction; its columns are "free to all."

- W. Neal Grubb,
- N. D. Smithson,
- John Izard,
- O. C. Jackson,
- Board of Editors.

Preliminary Oratorical Contest

The preliminary contest for the orator who is to represent Washington and Lee in the State Oratorical contest to be held here May 1, will take place at a joint meeting of the literary societies next Saturday night, April 25. Messrs. Pelter and Hooper have been selected to represent the Washington society, and Messrs. Larrick and Davis for the Graham-Lee. Any member of either society may enter the preliminary.

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Personals

P. P. Glass, '06, was in Lexington Sunday and Monday of this week.

Miss Lucy Scull of Penn., is the guest of Miss Hnops Stuart.

Miss Nettie Smith and Miss Lucy Landis of R. M. W. C., are the guests of Miss Ellen Glasgow.

Mr. Earnest M. Berrey of Luray, Va., is visiting Messrs Berry and Tharpe for a few days.

Miss Mary Fletcher of Mary Baldwin Institute, is the guest of Mrs. William P. Irwin.

Professor and Mrs. Alexander L. Nelson left yesterday for Chattanooga, Tenn., to spend several weeks.

L. V. Larsen, who has been at his home in Nashville, Tenn. for some weeks has returned to college.

Mr. W. N. Grubb has received notice of his appointment to a fellowship in Economics at the University of Chicago for the next session.

Mr. R. Eubank Witt, who is engaged in railroad engineering in the Southwest at St. Paul, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Witt.

Dr. Howerton Entertains

On Friday evening Dr. Howerton delightfully entertained his fraternity in honor of his visitors, Miss Sarah Hargrave and Miss Mary Melon, both of Charlotte, N.C. Besides the local chapter, three P. K. A.'s, now matriculated at V. M. I., were present. All seem to have had a big time.

Miss Irwin Entertains

Miss Irwin gave a delightful reception Thursday evening in honor of her guests, the Misses Fletcher of Accomac, Va.

The first preliminary track meet, which was to have been held last Wednesday, was postponed on account of rain until next Tuesday, April 21. This meet is held for the purpose of aiding in picking the men for the team. The annual Track and Field Day will be held April 29, and V. P. I. will be met on May 9. There are about 30 men trying for the team, among whom may be found much good material. The indications are that the team will be much better than the one of last year.

The annual baseball game between the lawyers, an event to which many look forward with the greatest of interest and anticipation, will be pulled off on Wilson field at an early date.

Both teams are going through their annual spring training and are fast rounding into shape for the great conflict.

Johnson Club Organizes

A large and enthusiastic meeting of Johnson men was held Thursday afternoon to organize a club to push the candidacy of Minnesota's Governor for the presidential nomination and bring his claims before the delegates to the National convention.

In the absence of Mr. W. M. Johnson the meeting was called to order by Mr. J. W. Claudy, who stated the object of the organization and called for nominations for president of the club. Mr. J. R. Caskie was elected and took the chair. Mr. W. M. Johnson was then elected vice-president and J. S. Gravely secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Epes moved that the officers be directed to appoint a committee of twelve men to work in the interest of the club and solicit members therefor. A publication committee composed of Messrs. Cather, Epes and Marquess, was appointed, and the meeting adjourned.

Arkansas Travelers

The Arkansas Travellers were entertained last Thursday night at the Delta Tau Delta House by Messrs. Ramsey and McRae. This was one of the most enjoyable meetings of the whole year. The chief subjects of conversation were politics and baseball. The music for the evening was furnished by Collins, who performs on the piano with remarkable skill. Excellent refreshments were served about 11:30. This was by far the most enjoyable happening of the evening. It was decided to have a picture of the club taken. This was the only business transacted. After giving several yells the club adjourned to meet again about May 15th.

Reception a Great Success

The reception given by the Young people of the Presbyterian church last night in the Lecture room was attended by about two hundred and fifty students and cadets. Quite a large number of visiting girls were also present so that on the whole the reception was a most successful one. The committee in charge were the members of the Young Ladies Missionary Society, and of the "Nelson Myers" Prayer Circle. The room was beautifully decorated in lilacs, dogwood and potted flowers. The musical programme was a feature of the evening, consisting of solos and duets by Leith, Woodrum, Thomas and Captain Kelly of V. M. I. and instrumental music by Mrs. Watts, Miss Catlett and Mr. McKim Bell.

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Donald Allen Dead

Passed Away at His Home in Stanton After Long Illness

Stanton, Va., April 15.—Mr. Donald Allen died last night at his home in West End. He had been in failing health for two years, and lately had lost ground and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Allen was graduate of Washington & Lee, a civil engineer by profession. He served in the Confederate army, although a mere boy when the war began. After the war he married and located in Staunton, practicing his profession throughout the South and West, until about three years ago.

He leaves a wife and four children, Donald and Harvey Allen, Mrs Benjamin O. Blackford of this city, and Mrs. Roy A. Patterson of San Antonio, Tex.

WASHINGTON

The society met in the "Wash." Hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The new President Mr. Batten, presided and called the society to order at the hour.

The first orator was Mr. Cather, who delivered an interesting oration. Mr. W. N. Grubb, the third orator, spoke on "Onomatopoeia." Mr. Edward the second orator, was unavoidably detained. Neither Messrs. Hodges nor Barton, the slated declaimers, were present and fines were entered by the President against each.

Former President Ragan delivered his farewell address. The speech was received with tumultuous applause by the members. The burden of the retiring officer's remarks was a vindication of his administration. In a well rounded and set speech he eulogized his successor; complimented the recently passed Johnson Constitutional Amendments, and thanked the society for the high honors which it has from time to time conferred upon him.

The question for debate was: Resolved, That the reduction of the tariff to a revenue basis would be beneficial to this country. Mr. Turnbull opened the debate for the affirmative and was followed by Mr. Skaggs for the negative. The second speaker on the affirmative was Mr. Koontz, while Mr. Peltier closed the debate for negative. This discussion was one of the ablest and most interesting heard in the Society Hall this year; the speakers presented their arguments in eloquent style and there is hardly a tariff argument on earth that was not advanced in this discussion, either pro or con.

The Justices sitting on this case, Messrs. Cather, Dameron and Stevenson, rendered a verdict in favor of the affirmative.

Under new business constitutional amendments were offered by Messrs. Kenny, Grubb and Ragon.

On motion society adjourned.

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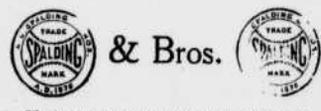
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